



**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
SPECIAL JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING OF: APRIL 20, 2004
BUDGET WORKSHOP**

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- CALL TO ORDER
- ANNOUNCEMENT RE: COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES:

PRESENT: MAYOR GOODMAN and COUNCIL MEMBERS REESE, BROWN, WEEKLY (arrived at 1:29 p.m.), MACK and MONCRIEF (arrived at 1:21 p.m.) with Ward Two vacant

Also Present: CITY MANAGER DOUG SELBY, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER STEVE HOUCHENS, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER BETSY FRETWELL, CITY ATTORNEY BRAD JERBIC, and CITY CLERK BARBARA JO RONEMUS

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE – Meeting noticed and posted at the following locations:

City Hall Plaza, Special Outside Posting Bulletin Board

Court Clerk's Office Bulletin Board, City Hall Plaza

Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Boulevard North

Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway

Grant Sawyer Building, 555 E. Washington Avenue

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MAYOR GOODMAN led the audience in the Pledge.

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DEPARTMENT: CITY MANAGER

DIRECTOR: DOUGLAS A. SELBY

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DISCUSSION

SUBJECT:

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Report and possible action on the Fiscal Year 2005 Strategic Action Plans

Fiscal Impact

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No Impact

Amount:

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Budget Funds Available

Dept./Division:

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Augmentation Required

Funding Source:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

Report and possible action on the FY2005 Strategic Action Plans which were developed to guide the alignment of City resources with City Council Priorities

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend acceptance of report on Strategic Action Plans

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. FY2005 City of Las Vegas Strategic Plan – Budget Workshop
2. Submitted at Special City Council Meeting – Strategic Plan PowerPoint presentation

MOTION:

REESE – Accept the Report on Strategic Action Plans – UNANIMOUS with Ward 2 seat vacant

MINUTES:

CITY MANAGER DOUGLAS SELBY explained that at the last Strategic Planning Workshop, the City Council directed staff to prepare action plans to implement the eight Council Priorities. He noted that DEPUTY CITY MANAGERS, STEVE HOUCHENS and BETSY FRETWELL were prepared to present detailed plans for each of those priorities.

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER FRETWELL stated that in an effort to compile a comprehensive list that would enable the City Council to review and consider any further recommendations, it was essential that the key goal areas within each priority be identified and most importantly, to define the actions necessary to make those goals a reality within the next two years. She commended staff for their exceptional undertakings and for their organizational efforts associated with these tasks.

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DEPUTY CITY MANAGERS FRETWELL and HOUCHENS alternately addressed each Strategic Plan Priority listing the recommended actions and the names of staff members who are credited for compiling and organizing the action plans.

**I. CREATE, INTEGRATE, AND MANAGE ORDERLY AND SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH OF OUR COMMUNITY.**

ORGANIZATION TEAM: ROBERT GENZER, Planning and Development Department
DAVID WASHINGTON, Fire Services
CANDACE FALDER, Finance and Business Services
ORLANDO SANCHEZ, Neighborhood Services
RICHARD GOECKE, Public Works
CHARLIE KAJKOWSKI, Public Works

GOALS:

- a. Integrate all master plans including utility plans using GIS technology
- b. Focus on the disposal of the Kyle Canyon Gateway area
- c. Evaluate the GPA process and compile comprehensive reports that would indicate how Master Plans would be impacted
- d. Focus on conservation and optimization of natural resources by identifying key steps
- e. Identify ways to make individuals and communities less dependent on future government services.

MAYOR GOODMAN questioned whether the responsibility to implement these goals requires Council action or sits with the City Manager's Office and Staff. DEPUTY CITY MANAGER FRETWELL stated that additional work is required and there needs to be a determination as to who is going to do these things, a timeframe, and what resources are necessary. She noted that supporting the proposed Budget Plan being considered would enable most of the strategies listed in the report to be accomplished within the next two years, and gives the go ahead to move forward now.

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER FRETWELL mentioned that there was a proposal to have Council members work on various aspects of the Plan. She commented on her office's intent to update and bring regular reports back to the City Council every quarter to let the Council members know how to proceed in order to get these strategies completed. MAYOR GOODMAN was pleased with her response seeing as it is a difficult situation, because of the Open Meeting Law, for the Council to be able to implement the proposals discussed at the Workshop.

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MAYOR GOODMAN asked the Council if they thought it would be helpful for the process if Council members individually or collectively, were appointed to work on specific areas and then assemble a report along with staff for the Council. COUNCILMAN REESE agreed that the idea may be a workable solution and worth putting in place. MAYOR GOODMAN added that participation in itself would encourage the exchange of ideas between elected officials and the City Manager's Office.

COUNCILMAN MACK felt it might be difficult to distinguish which department he would like to be involved with. MAYOR GOODMAN clarified that he was thinking in terms of assignment of priority areas rather than departments. CITY ATTORNEY BRAD JERBIC explained if Council members are appointed to specific subject areas, it would be considered a subcommittee under the Open Meeting Law and each meeting would have to be noticed and posted. However, if a Councilperson, on his own, happens to attend a meeting, it would not be subject to the Open Meeting Law. CITY MANAGER SELBY commented that his office would develop an informal approach to involving the Council. DEPUTY CITY MANAGER FRETWELL agreed and emphasized that up-to-date reports would be made available to the Council to ensure they are aware of the implementation schedule and how well the action plan is being adhered to.

COUNCILMAN BROWN offered two points of view. With regard to commitment, he acknowledged the tremendous amount of work already undertaken by staff and felt it would constitute significant time commitments from Council members. Further, he was uncertain whether having a Council member present at such meetings would generate or hinder real, honest dialogue versus the option of just having staff deal independently with the issues. He was inclined to believe that on a case-by-case basis, it would be more advantageous to attend the strategy sessions rather than to actively participate in the entire process.

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**II. MANAGE COST AND REVENUE RESOURCES TO ACHIEVE EFFICIENT
OPERATIONS.**

ORGANIZATION TEAM: Finance and Business Services
Field Operations
Municipal Court
City Clerk
Fire and Rescue
Leisure Services
Information Technologies
Human Resources

GOALS:

- a. Foster continued review of programs and services
- b. Optimize labor resources
- c. Improve revenue collection
- d. Integrate master plan priorities into CIP program planning

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER HOUCHENS summarized the intent of each goal. With regard to the hiring process, it would be beneficial to thoroughly evaluate vacant positions before the approval to hire is given. Relative to labor resources, statistics indicate that labor costs comprise 55% of the City's budget and it is critical that those costs be controlled. In an effort to accomplish this goal, it will be necessary to work with the Collective Bargaining Units to develop a collaborative attitude.

With a focus on revenue collection, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER HOUCHENS stated that utilizing the best state-of-the-art collection procedures would ensure an effective and improved process. Lastly, using the master plans and sub-plans, the goal is to identify the needs within those plans and incorporate them into the City's five-year Capital Improvement Plan.

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**III. SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE AFFORDABILITY, LIVABILITY, AND PRIDE
IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS**

ORGANIZATION TEAM: Neighborhood Services Department
Planning and Development Department

GOALS:

- a. Promote civic involvement and community volunteerism in neighborhoods
- b. Create and implement programs that stabilize neighborhoods
- c. Develop a comprehensive housing strategy that pursues attainable housing opportunities

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER FRETWELL emphasized that one other important objective is to encourage civic involvement through established programs to promote citizenry and encourage pride and leadership within the neighborhoods. She added that a number of ongoing discussions have concentrated on neighborhood conditions and the means to stabilize these neighborhoods before they are seriously deteriorated. This goal seeks to implement new programs including aggressively addressing the issues of vacant and abandoned buildings. With the establishment of a revolving fund, money could be set aside to reintroduce some of the dilapidated housing back into the market to be used as affordable housing. Additionally, in an effort to create affordable and attainable housing, a comprehensive strategy needs to be established which is structured by a variety of different policy initiatives.

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**IV. AGGRESSIVELY ATTRACT AND RETAIN DIVERSE BUSINESSES IN
ADDITION TO GAMING.**

ORGANIZATION TEAM: Office of Business Development
Building and Safety
Planning and Development Department
Leisure Services
Neighborhood Services

GOALS:

- a. Market and expand the City's economic base with improved customer service and coordination
- b. Master plan and develop City-owned properties to their highest and best use
- c. Improve feedback and coordination activities between City government and the private sector
- d. Develop a community workforce that supports a diverse business economy

Listing the various goals, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER HOUCHENS explained the necessity of developing a marketing plan for the City to identify target industries. A broad based, GIS backed system indexing empty commercial, industrial and big box properties, would allow the City to provide prospective developers with accurate information in a timely and efficient manner. He discussed the importance of developing City owned property to its best use and specifically cited the 61-acre property, formally the Union Pacific site, which would include performing arts facilities and an academic medical center. He also mentioned the re-development of the 5th Street School parcel and other properties in that vicinity. He explained the benefits of a joint database called Synchronist, which is sponsored by the Nevada Development Authority. The system could provide industrial, commercial and demographic data for the Valley. He spoke about learning opportunities for youth and adults and partnering with local schools and colleges to develop job readiness workshops and programs.

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**V. DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN MULTI-GENERATIONAL LEISURE
OPPORTUNITIES.**

ORGANIZATION TEAM: Billie Bastian, Leisure Services
John McNellis, Public Works
Wayne Griffin, Detention and Enforcement
Karen Coyne, Detention and Enforcement
Orlando Sanchez, Neighborhood Services
Stephen Harsin, Neighborhood Services
Jocelyn Fisher, Neighborhood Services

GOALS:

- a. Promote healthy lifestyles for all segments of the community
- b. Develop youth programming and initiatives giving the City a proactive role in education, personal safety and life skills
- c. Develop innovative programs to attract teen participation
- d. Develop a 5-year master plan to meet the future leisure demands of the growing population
- e. Provide direct inclusion services to individuals
- f. Addressing the needs of the senior community

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER FRETWELL explained that promoting a healthy lifestyle is an important issue to everyone, regardless of age. Programs such as Hearts and Parks would be contributing to this multi generational goal area. She stated the City is looking to fill gaps left by the school district, with a specific focus on teens, in educating students with tools to enhance long-term life skills and offering healthy alternatives for children after school. She stressed the importance of developing a five-year master plan to accommodate the effect the growing population will have on Leisure Services. She indicated program evaluations would be required to avoid duplication by the private sector and insure programs are suited to the needs of the community. She stated that all planning and programming efforts made by the City are sensitive to the needs of those with disabilities and handicaps. She informed the Council the Downtown Senior Services Center would begin within the next 12 to 18 months and that the City would continue to expand outreach efforts and legal representation efforts in the Senior Law Project.

COUNCILMAN BROWN commended the Leisure Services Department on their progress in the last few years on programs and prioritizing. He appreciated that the Department actively evaluates the needs of the community while avoiding duplication of programs and facilities.

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He cautioned the Council that any roles taken by the City to fill gaps left by the school district or other public agencies must be prioritized because of the budget impact associated with these responsibilities. DEPUTY CITY MANAGER FRETWELL assured COUNCILMAN BROWN that she understood his concerns and acknowledged that the situation required balance to control the financial burden assumed by the City. To help achieve this balance, the City would stress the concept of partnerships with the school district and other non-profit organizations to share the burden. COUNCILMAN BROWN stated that the City must be cautious because once the City takes over a program, other entities involved tend to step away leaving the City solely responsible, which leaves a tremendous burden on City staff, finances and resources.

MAYOR GOODMAN stated that he has met with school district trustees and that they welcome City involvement. He said there are things the Council can do to promote good citizenship in our local youth without incurring a large financial burden. As examples, he cited the willingness of the Council to inform parents of the necessity of being involved with the education of their children and COUNCILMAN WEEKLY's involvement in youth forums, which have been very successful.

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**VI. PROVIDE AN OPEN GOVERNMENT WHICH ALLOWS ACCESS,
PARTICIPATION, AND RESPECTFUL COMMUNICATION USING
TRADITIONAL AND TECHNICALLY ADVANCED METHODS.**

ORGANIZATION TEAM: Office of Communications
Information Technologies
City Clerk
Human Resources

GOALS:

- a. Promote City services, access, and resources to our citizens
- b. Continuous enhancement of current communication services and delivery methods
- c. Facilitate “one-stop” opportunities at strategic City locations that attract customers
- d. Offer all citizens a voice in program development and government decisions that affect them
- e. Celebrate the City’s Centennial

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER HOUCHENS explained how the City can make better use of banners, signs, reader boards and vehicular signs to promote City services, access and resources. He also suggested City employees could act as ambassadors for Las Vegas by promoting the City for business development, tourism and as a great place to live. He spoke of enhancing the City website and increasing usage of KCLV Channel 2. He explained that the City should get feedback from the citizens on their needs and our customer service. By allowing citizens to serve on advisory boards, community groups and in forums to discuss community issues, the citizens will have a voice in development and decisions that affect them. He also spoke of a citizen’s academy to inform those who wish to learn about their government. Finally, he described how the City would educate and involve the community in the City’s Centennial Celebration.

MAYOR GOODMAN announced that the City would be kicking off the Centennial year on New Year’s Eve. On May 15, 2005, there will be a giant birthday party and all locals are invited. Then, on July 4th weekend, the City will have an International party, which will involve closure of the Strip. MAYOR GOODMAN asked that all City employees be actively involved.

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**VII. PROVIDE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES,
AND VISITORS USING A COMMUNITY ORIENTED APPROACH.**

ORGANIZATION TEAM: Ray Flynn, Metropolitan Police Department
Ken Riddle, David Washington, Rick Gracia, Jeff Morgan
and Greg Gammon, Fire and Rescue
Mike Sheldon, Bill Fraser and Wayne Griffin, Detention
and Enforcement
James Carmany and Keith Gronquist, Municipal Court

GOALS:

- a. Reduce life and property losses throughout the City
- b. Provide appropriate public safety facilities throughout the City
- c. Increase public safety education to citizens throughout the City
- d. Optimize available resources to effectively manage the criminal offender populations
- e. Address the community wide impact of domestic violence and drunk driving
- f. Support Las Vegas Metropolitan Police funding initiatives

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER FRETWELL began by discussing the requirement of continuing and increasing the City's public safety inspections. By analyzing property losses on an annual basis, the City could track progress in this priority area. Programs such as the Home Fire Safety program would remain implemented with additional public information programs being added. Public Safety facilities in the neighborhoods must maintain adequate staff and be adequately spaced and developed to meet the needs of the area. The Council must be kept aware of the needs and demands of the public safety facilities as well.

The City would increase the public's safety education by possibly expanding the Fire Citizens Academy programs and other programs that get information out to the public. Also, the City would create a multi media campaign to increase awareness on issues such as gun safety and the importance of smoke detectors, etc.

Processes that would optimize the City's resources to more effectively manage the criminal offender population in the Valley would be implemented. For example, taking advantage of jail bed space to house the local inmate population. She also discussed possible support by the Council for resolutions that would increase voter awareness of what the funding initiative issues are and the Sheriff's proposals for several funding options.

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VIII. REVITALIZE AND INVIGORATE OUR MATURE AREAS AND THE URBAN CORE.

ORGANIZATION TEAM: Planning and Development
Building and Safety
Public Works
Leisure Services
Neighborhood Services
With assistance from members of the Metropolitan Police
Department

GOALS:

- a. Develop a strategic land acquisition plan for commercial/industrial/housing development
- b. Fund infrastructure to create incentives for housing and commercial projects
- c. Measure infrastructure maintenance to determine trigger for reinvestment
- d. Promote neighborhood plans and special area plans in the City's neighborhood revitalization area.
- e. Develop and expand cultural program offerings in the downtown area/urban core
- f. Coordinate resources, funds, and programs to maximize impact

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER HOUCHENS outlined the goals of the mature area priority. He defined the area as Rainbow Boulevard to Nellis Boulevard, per the 2020 plan. He explained it was important to identify and prioritize potential properties and then search for funding sources that could help acquire the properties. Instruction could be given to the City's field inspectors allowing them to determine maintenance levels and identify infrastructure that is in disrepair. Developing maps through GIS systems to pinpoint areas of sidewalks, curbs, etc., in need of repair would be used. The City would evaluate the neighborhood planning process through a collaborative effort with all involved departments and would refine that group to speak as a single voice. By creating neighborhood indicators or an index for all areas in the City, it could be used as a community inventory that would measure the health and vitality of specific neighborhoods.

The post office project will assist in developing and expanding cultural programs in the downtown area/urban core as well as the cultural corridor, Louis Avenue Plaza and the Arts District. The Centennial Celebration events and downtown concerts will also assist in meeting this goal. Through continued work with the Downtown coordination teams and the Entertainment and Arts Districts to refine and improve procedures to expedite services, the City can optimize coordination of limited resources to make the biggest benefit for City dollars.

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MAYOR GOODMAN stated that the plan was thorough and ambitious. He confirmed with DEPUTY CITY MANAGER FRETWELL that the strategies would be implemented within a one or two year timeframe. He expressed his concerns regarding labor costs versus City income and his fears of the City becoming top heavy due to those costs and stated that the situation needs to be evaluated. He also directed the City Manager's Department to draft legislation language regarding binding arbitration or mediation involving the Collective Bargaining Units. He also discussed setting aside redevelopment funds for the purpose of acquiring more property to accommodate future growth of the City. He voiced his wishes for a safe environment for the residents of Las Vegas and of being able to assure the citizens a decent quality of life. He also said he hoped the Council would not see issues like the Sky Vue Mobile Home Park occur again. He concluded by stating that Quizno's was closed due to a tenant/landlord issue and not because of location problems.

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DEPARTMENT: FINANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES

DIRECTOR: MARK R. VINCENT

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DISCUSSION

SUBJECT:

Discussion and review of the Fiscal Year 2005 City of Las Vegas Tentative Budget

Fiscal Impact

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No Impact

Amount:

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Budget Funds Available

Dept./Division: Budget & Finance Division

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Augmentation Required

Funding Source:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

Review and discussion of the FY2005 City of Las Vegas Tentative Budget as filed with the Nevada Department of Taxation on April 15, 2004

RECOMMENDATION:

No Action Required

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. FY 2005 City of Las Vegas Tentative Budget
2. Submitted at Special City Council meeting – PowerPoint Presentation for Item 2 and Item 3 filed under Item 2
3. Submitted at Special City Council meeting – Review of Capital Project Priorities and Criteria for Item 2 and Item 3 filed under Item 2
4. Submitted at Special City Council meeting – City of Las Vegas Budget Policies for Item 2 and Item 3 filed under Item 2
5. Submitted at Special City Council meeting – Capital Project Funding Allocation Worksheet for Item 2 and Item 3 filed under Item 2

MOTION:

None required.

MINUTES:

CITY MANAGER DOUG SELBY explained to the Council that this budget year is being approached with a more optimistic view than in the past two years. He said that several key economic indicators for Las Vegas reflect good news. Job growth is up 4% in Southern Nevada. There were 40,000 new jobs created last year. Unemployment is down 13% to 4.7%. Taxable sales, which affect approximately half of the City's General Fund Revenue is up over 12% countywide. Gasoline sales, gaming revenue and visitor volumes are all up this year. The City's

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General Fund Revenues are up 10% over the projections. He acknowledged that the Cost of Living index for Las Vegas has been pushed to 103% due to rising costs in housing, groceries, health costs and transportation. He also mentioned the possible affects that the drought, war and terrorism could have on the Las Vegas economy, the average 6% increase in the City's contractual labor costs and the status of the City's portion of the overlapping property tax rate.

CITY MANAGER SELBY informed the Council of the guiding principles used during the budgeting process which included continuing to support the Council's priorities, minimizing the impact to residents of budget actions, avoidance of negative impacts to revenue generating operations and adhering to the Council approved budget policies in order to maintain the City's good bond rating.

MARK VINCENT, Director, Finance and Business Services, explained that he and MS. FALDER would be giving a tentative budget presentation for the Fiscal Year 2005 and would be looking to the Council for input and guidance so the budget could be finalized and submitted by June 1, 2004 to the State. He stated that at the end of the presentation, they would also need some direction on the allocation of Council Project monies.

Using a PowerPoint presentation, MR. VINCENT and CANDACE FALDER, Manager, Budget and Finance Division, began discussing the City's budget overview explaining the total budget is approximately \$940 million with an operating budget of \$416 million. MAYOR GOODMAN asked MR. VINCENT to define the term "proprietary funds." MR. VINCENT explained proprietary funds tend to function as a business with collected revenues coming from various sources including internal departments for provided services.

MR. VINCENT and MS. FALDER continued the PowerPoint presentation and discussed Citywide, Enterprise Fund, Capital and General Fund appropriations. MR. VINCENT noted that on slide six, the Parks projects number shown as \$79.6 million did not include any allocations that were scheduled to be discussed after their presentation. The presentation continued with discussion regarding public safety issues of appropriations and vacant positions. COUNCILMAN REESE took a moment to say how proud he was of the City's Finance Department staff when, at the last Fiscal Affairs Committee meeting, the Sheriff thanked the City for stepping up to fund an overextension that was present when the other entity present did not do so. MR. VINCENT proceeded to discuss the increases in General Fund appropriations as shown on slide ten.

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The presentation continued with descriptions of General Fund revenues and property taxes. In an attempt to clarify a misconception among new residents who mistakenly believe property taxes are what primarily fuels the City's revenues, MR. VINCENT explained that property taxes only constitute about 20% of the consolidated state taxes which fund about 50% of the City's resources. He explained the current tax rate would be slightly lower due to the assessed value and fixed debt rate. COUNCILMAN BROWN questioned if the City's actual levy was now lower than it was in 1994 as indicated on the graph. MR. VINCENT confirmed it is slightly lower. COUNCILMAN BROWN clarified that when tax bills go out, the City can only control what was shown on the graph in slide thirteen. He challenged other public agencies to publish a similar chart showing the same level of cost control. He explained other public agencies comprise part of the tax bills and we have no control over many aspects of the price increases. MR. VINCENT concurred with COUNCILMAN BROWN adding that the rates have not been increased since 2001 when they were raised for a parks bond issue.

Slide fourteen, showed the tentative overlapping tax rate. MR. VINCENT explained that the difference between a 3.5 cent tax increase by the State and a reduction by the County of 1.5 cents resulted in a rate increase per hundred of two cents, bringing the total tax rate to \$3.30 per hundred. He reminded Council that the statutory limit is \$3.64 for the overlapping rate and that legislative measures would need to take place to get relief from that cap. MAYOR GOODMAN asked whether the County tax bill would be the figure shown less 0.7792. MR. VINCENT said that would be the case except for residents living in county townships who would additionally incur the township rate of approximately .21 cents. MAYOR GOODMAN pointed out that the City rate will always be higher because a portion of City taxes goes for County Services but the County taxpayers do not have to pay for any City services.

MS. FALDER and MR. VINCENT alternately detailed revenue sources, increases in the General Fund Revenues, new position allocations between 1998 and the present position staffing additions by departments of the 54 new positions funded by the General Fund for 2005. MS. FALDER then explained that since the tentative budget had been filed with the Department of Taxation on April 15th, additional position requests had been submitted as outlined on slide twenty. MR. VINCENT added that the three Public Works positions would have a minimal impact on the General Fund as the costs would be distributed to the Capital Projects worked on during the year. COUNCILMAN BROWN asked about a chart that he had seen previously which breaks down the overall position increase per capita. MR. VINCENT explained although he did not currently have that chart, he would prepare it for the Budget Hearing. MAYOR GOODMAN asked if there were any position requests from the Office of Business Development. After being told there was not, he suggested that the City Manager should look into staffing that office with personnel qualified to work with the City Attorney's office and parties interested in

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developing the downtown area. CITY MANAGER SELBY acknowledged the suggestion stating work was already being done in that direction.

MR. VINCENT concluded the presentation by stating the Finance Department staff had a successful meeting with the Citizen's Advisory Committee and thanked the committee for their input.

CANDACE FALDER, Manager, Budget and Finance Division informed the Council that debt service payments and operating costs absorb all of the tax increment revenue. MARK VINCENT, Director, Finance and Business Services, added that as a result of recent development, that is an area that needs to be examined as a potential for accumulating funds for acquiring properties

He commented on the non-profit corporations, a type of entity of the City, which have established budgets for the Fiscal Year 2005 and are reported as a component unit of the comprehensive annual financial report for budget purposes. These corporations do not show up as expenditures because the intention is that the money the non-profit corporations spend will be reimbursed to them and the City from the proceeds of parcel sales. As a formality, he displayed operating budgets for three nonprofits on the overhead.

MR. VINCENT listed existing projects in alphabetical order, not by order of priority. He pointed out that there are three projects in the area of City Facilities that need to be considered for funding.

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1) Culinary remodeling and replacement for Detention and Enforcement. The equipment is a significant expense at approximately \$1 million. Statistically and for perspective, he explained the facility had been designed to produce about 700 meals a day. Currently, approximately 5,000 meals a day are being produced. The project will cost about \$2 million. There is \$1 million in carry-over fund balance allocated last year requiring an additional allocation of \$1 million.

2) Regional Public Safety Complex Phase I. This is also referred to as the Fire Driver Training Course. The driver's course would circle the 55-acre site located at I-215 and Hualapai Way. Currently, the Fire Department pays the Las Vegas Motor Speedway \$1,500 per day for training. Metro spends almost \$275,000 a year for its training. MR. VINCENT pointed out that 30 accidents have accounted for \$463,000 this Fiscal Year. Driver training could help reduce this

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expense and provide for certification, re-certification and rescue driver training as well as recruitment driver training. MAYOR GOODMAN questioned whether the site pertained only to Fire and Rescue and suggested all drivers of City vehicles could take training at the site. MR. VINCENT responded that it could probably be utilized for other agencies and cities as well. Further, he did not see any additional liability in the City using the resource. It was assumed that City staff would provide the training, but the current difficulty is there is nowhere to train. The County has chosen not to use the Speedway because of the cost and is alternatively using the Broadacres Swap Meet. There is a definite need for such a facility in the Valley.

3) Internal Affairs Division Modular. This \$145,000 project would provide needed space for the Administrative staff of Detention and Enforcement.

There is a bond issuance for a road, flood and traffic project. There is also grounding for light poles, park area lighting, electrical services and other improvements. These are public safety issues. The project has a \$50,000 carry-over balance, but requires another \$52,000 and an additional \$103,000 next year to finish it. The Finance Department suggests the project should be deemed worthy and the total \$155,000 be allocated to finish it.

The Arts District Street Lights upgrade involving ornamental lights throughout the entire Arts District is a project Council requested. These lights have lower lumen, necessitating more light poles per linear foot. The \$2.8 million cost can be phased in.

This year there is no request for additional funding for the Bonneville Park One-Way Couplet Landscaping project. The \$9.2 million cost was planned with construction to start in Fiscal Year 2006. The significant project was placed before Council for visibility and includes landscaping and decorative streetscape along Bonneville Clark and the couplet. Staff was unsure whether the project was to go forward with the couplet itself.

Emergency Vehicle Pre-Emption System is a device where a beam of light from a distance triggers traffic signals. It allows emergency vehicles to go through an intersection with less traffic disruption. The devices are being installed in new traffic signals with a plan to replace existing systems with this new pre-empt system. The request is for \$250,000 to fund the remainder of the \$530,000 total cost for next year.

The Fremont Street Landscaping Project, within the East Fremont Entertainment District, entails bringing East Fremont up to Las Vegas Downtown Centennial Plan standards. It includes decorative paving, benches, planters, plants, trees and irrigation. Funding is available via Nevada

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Department of Transportation grants for pedestrian upgrades and a proposed assessment from the impacted property owners.

Council directed staff to design a sidewalk replacement program. In addition to past discussions, the concept has been of interest at the State Legislature. The proposal is that the City would fund \$500,000 annually for sidewalk replacement, primarily in more mature neighborhoods. COUNCILMAN REESE directed LARRY HAUGSNESS, Director of Field Operations, to calculate whether the \$500,000 would be insufficient or excessive for the needs of the City. MR. HAUGSNESS responded that the amount would be an excellent start for this type of program, although it might be on the high side for the first year. MAYOR GOODMAN questioned how many sidewalks could be fixed for that amount and for a comparison of cost if the work was contracted out. MR. HAUGSNESS replied 5-foot panels are repaired for \$100 per panel and individuals sometimes do the work themselves. COUNCILMAN REESE asked if the project entailed putting in sidewalks where there are none on either side of the street. MR. HAUGSNESS stated that staff was just informed of Council's desire to do so. He suggested later meetings with Council to define such a program. In addition, staff will be updating the City Code to conform with new State law. COUNCILMAN MACK inquired about the sidewalk replacement funding including lighting in areas where the lighting is insufficient. MR. HAUGSNESS pointed out that the proposed funding would not go very far if lighting was included. MR. VINCENT explained that the amount proposed would fund approximately 25,000 linear feet of sidewalk.

MR. VINCENT continued that the St. Louis Avenue beautification project was requested by Council. It entails design and construction of medians, roundabouts and landscaping along the St. Louis Avenue corridor between Maryland Parkway and Paradise Road. The estimated cost of the project is \$1,500,000.

The Parks and Recreation categories are listed alphabetically. The first group is projects that are already on the CIP list for parks. The second group is new projects that have not been on the list before.

Alexander/Hualapai Park is a 50-acre site. The plan is to build 10 ball fields adjacent to the Lone Mountain Detention basin and will include children's play areas, restrooms, picnic areas and parking. There is a fund balance carry-over of \$2,000,000. The reason why there is an additional request of \$19,150,000 is because construction would begin in Fiscal 2005 and sufficient funding would have to exist in order to commit the entire contract in Fiscal 2005. This project was submitted for BLM funding in Round 5 for Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act

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(SNPLMA, which will be referred to as BLM funds) but was not recommended for approval. There are other projects where BLM funding has been requested and if they are not recommended for approval, reapplication may be necessary. MR. VINCENT noted that the City must be cautious not to start general construction with City general fund money on a project that will eventually have an application for BLM monies because the City cannot reimburse itself for expenditures already incurred.

Centennial Hills Leisure Center Complex project has an estimated cost of \$28,000,000. There is approximately \$2,000,000 in carry-over funding and an additional \$26,000,000 is needed. This project was also in Round 5 for BLM money; however, it is a recreation center complex and not likely to get BLM approval. If construction started in Fiscal Year 2005, the City would need to have the \$26,000,000 available to commit to the entire contract.

Doolittle Community Center project involves the gym floor and bleachers. The plan is to remove and replace the existing wood flooring and add bleachers. The cost of this project is \$125,000.

The Freedom Park pool and bathhouse project involves the design and construction of a new swimming pool and bathhouse. There is a fund balance of \$2.9 million for this project, and recent estimates show a shortage of approximately \$300,000. So, the request is for \$300,000 to complete this project.

Harmony Park project does not need any additional funding at this time. The park is in the vicinity of Decatur and US 95 and when the construction at US 95 is completed, the City may want to allocate monies to this project at that time.

The Lorenzi Park upgrade project will upgrade the lights in Field 1, remove some existing light poles, construct a restroom/concession stand and add a dog park. There is an available fund balance of \$260,000 but an additional \$260,000 is needed.

Mountain Ridge Park Phase IV project funding would complete the park expansion and the parking area on the remaining seven acres. This is another project that was submitted for BLM money in Round 5 but was not recommended. The project may be a candidate for residential construction tax, and it is a project that could be resubmitted at a later date.

Tenaya Neighborhood Park is a 10-acre site north of Summerlin. Just under \$700,000 was allocated last year in residential construction tax, but there is an additional \$405,000 needed to complete the park.

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Vocational High School Sports Complex is a 30-acre site on the northeast corner of Tropical and Durango. Originally the plan was looked upon as the big league dream site having six lighted softball fields with a restaurant and clubhouse facility. Fiscally speaking, this would not be a feasible site to put this operation on because it is a private sector, for profit, proposal on a BLM site. The original request was for \$24,000,000 to build this complex. This is a site staff may want to consider redesigning the program at a later date.

Washington/Buffalo Phase I, an on-going project is a 107-acre site, which includes 22 lighted tennis courts, a championship tennis court, and a pro shop for the tennis complex portion, eleven lighted soccer fields, three restrooms/concession stands, a dog park and other amenities. Because of the drought situation, the proposed request is to install artificial turf on seven of the eleven soccer fields instead of sod. This change would cost approximately \$3.8 million.

The Washington/Buffalo Phase II project is for the 45 acres of land west of Durango Drive adjacent to the Phase I portion. This project was also submitted for BLM money in Round 5 but was not recommended for approval. The only monies that have been requested this year is for design engineering. If the project goes forward, future monetary requests would follow.

MR. VINCENT indicated the first of the items that were new and not on the existing list is a project similar to the sidewalk replacement project, which is a sod or turf replacement program where every year some monies are assigned to a program for replacing grass and playing fields with artificial turf at various locations within the City. The request is for \$1.6 million for two soccer fields and ten baseball fields.

Chuck Minker Racquetball Court conversion project would convert racquetball court number one into a cardiovascular area. The request is for \$55,000. In addition, there is a request to remodel the outside racquetball court storage area, which is in the amount of \$150,000.

Doolittle Park Basketball Court project involves removal and replacement of the basketball court and bringing the paint playing surfaces to usable condition. The request is for \$100,000. This may be a candidate for residential construction tax, although Ward 5 has a limited amount.

Doolittle Senior Patio and Horseshoe Pit project is a request to redesign and enlarge an area for a permanent horseshoe pit. The request is for \$26,000 and would also be a good candidate for residential construction tax in Ward 5.

East Las Vegas Community Center Marquee project is a request to build and install an illuminated electronic marquee for the East Las Vegas Community Center. The request is for

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\$60,000. Should this project qualify, it may be a candidate for a Percent of the Arts project.

El Campo Grande Bradley Park is a five-acre park on a school district BLM site next to Carl Elementary School. The request is for \$1,500,000 and is an excellent candidate for residential construction tax in Ward 6.

The Fort Apache Elkhorn Park project proposes a new four-acre park on a BLM site, near Fort Apache and Elkhorn. The request is for \$1,600,000 and is a very good candidate for residential construction tax in Ward 6.

The Freedom Park project would refurbish, renovate and replace existing concessions and restrooms and construct an in-ground skate park on this site. COUNCILMAN REESE stated that he has looked at Fountain Park and noticed how everything was shuffled around in an effort to make it a great master plan. He suggested rather than spending the amount of monies for this renovation, he would like to see additional softball and soccer fields, etc. to make this a more usable friendly park. MR. VINCENT then clarified what monies Council would like to see for designing in the first year and then later additional monies for redesigning the master plan.

The next item was the demolition of the Garside Pool and replacement with a leisure pool and a stand-alone bathhouse. The request is for \$2.3 million.

Gilmore Cliff Shadows Park and Trailhead, which is also referred to as the Lone Mountain II Trailhead. The park is 13 acres and is an equestrian trailhead at the west end of Lone Mountain Trail. There is currently \$1.5 million in BLM money towards the project. The project is on this list because of the way the plan was submitted. It is planned that construction would begin in Fiscal Year 2005. The construction estimate is \$8.1 million. An additional \$6.8 million is needed to fund the remainder of the project. MR. VINCENT suggested it might be a candidate for BLM money in Round 6.

Iron Mountain/Fort Apache Park is a 10.5 acre park located adjacent to Bilbray Elementary School. The design engineering requires funding totaling \$0.5 million this year with a total of \$5 million. Since it is a neighborhood park, it would be a good candidate for residential construction tax in Ward 6.

Johnson Community School expansion project would entail providing lighting to the open turf area and adding 3,000 square feet to the existing building at the Johnson track break center. The total project is \$425,000 and the school can contribute \$150,000, so there is an additional \$275,000 needed to fund the project. As a neighborhood park, it would be a good candidate for

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residential construction tax in Ward 6.

The Las Vegas Senior Center Parking Lot project would convert an area of lawn into 40 to 50 additional parking spaces on Las Vegas Boulevard and Bonanza. The estimated cost is \$200,000.

Lorenzi Park Tennis Complex is a project that will rebuild 8 tennis courts and provide a pro-shop, office, concession and restrooms. The total project estimate is \$1,750,000.

The Natural History Museum retrofit project was originally submitted to BLM in Round 5 but it was not approved. It probably will not be approved because it is a facility. The current request is not to fund the entire project of \$5 million but to contribute something towards the retrofit.

The Pavilion Center Pool lighting and storage is a project that will upgrade existing lights at the pool. The lights do not produce enough light to allow the pool to be used in the evening. The request is for \$100,000.

Reed Whipple Center Cultural Marquee is a request for a \$50,000 neon/electric sign. Because the center is located in the cultural corridor and is part of the scenic byway, it could be a good candidate for a Percent of the Arts project.

Sky Ridge Park Security lighting project would be to add security lighting in the park that was built by a developer and turned over to the City. The request is for \$250,000 and this project would be a good candidate for residential construction tax in Ward 6.

Stupak Community Center Demolish and Rebuild is a project that will tear down the building donated to the City in 1992. The building was constructed in the 50's or 60's. It is in poor shape and a lot of money is spent on repair, maintenance and upgrades. It is in bad need of kitchen facilities. The initial request was for \$6.7 million but the contract would not be started until Fiscal Year 2006. He suggested allocating some design money for Fiscal Year 2005. MAYOR GOODMAN stated that he has had discussion with CITY MANAGER SELBY and representatives of the Stratosphere about the possible construction of an additional tower. The discussion regarding the tower included the City working with them on construction of a buffer zone. He suggested the Stratosphere representatives be included in discussion regarding what could happen to the Stupak Center and what level of participation they will have in the project. MR. VINCENT suggested possibly allocating design funding this year. CITY MANAGER SELBY informed MAYOR GOODMAN that an assessment has been completed regarding the acquisition costs of the buffer zone, which is approximately \$15 million.

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Centennial Hills Park project is not requesting any additional funds at this time and is budgeted at \$18,140,000. The construction is \$16,200,000, which was requested in BLM in Round 5. It was approved to be funded only if additional monies became available. MR. VINCENT suggested the project be funded by BLM.

There is currently no money being requested for the Equestrian Park Project, and it is on the list only to serve as a placeholder for the 320 acres for a regional equestrian park. The project is in the conceptual stage only. Eventually, the project will request approximately \$55 million.

The Post Office building renovation did not require funding this year but it is on the list so it does not get forgotten. In Fiscal Year 2006 it will need \$9.5 million in funding.

MR. VINCENT reiterated the projects were read not in order of priority but in alphabetical order, by group. He also pointed out that there was \$24.7 million of unrestricted funding and \$9 million (\$7million in Ward 6) of residential construction tax money that needs to be allocated.

MAYOR GOODMAN asked for a definition of residential construction tax. MR. VINCENT explained it is a tax paid on the valuation of residential construction up to a maximum of just under 2,400 square feet of a residence. The money comes to the city for the purpose of building neighborhood parks defined as parks of under 25 acres in size that have amenities for the neighborhood within the ward where the tax was collected.

COUNCILMAN BROWN pointed out that the Pavilion Pool shown on line 44 should indicate the location as being in Ward 2 and that Sky Ridge is in Ward 4, not 6. MR. VINCENT noted the corrections. COUNCILMAN BROWN suggested making a two level list by taking the project list and addressing the priority projects that will be funded in the upcoming cycle and then any existing projects that are not funded or new projects unless they are moved up into the top priority list. He then suggested breaking the secondary list into two tiers for funding priorities. The second tier would serve as a place holder as they will most likely not be funded but will stay in front of the council until funding becomes available. COUNCILMAN REESE suggested small projects such as the Doolittle horseshoe pit and basketball court refurbishment could be funded right away.

MR. VINCENT said he had thought about combining smaller projects located at the same facility such as the two Chuck Minker items and the two Doolittle projects. MAYOR GOODMAN questioned if adopting COUNCILMAN BROWN'S suggestion meant the existing projects would remain as is and would not have to be prioritized. COUNCILMAN BROWN confirmed that if projects on an existing list have changed in scope or is not as important to the Council as

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some of the new projects being proposed the list would be prioritized. COUNCILMAN REESE stated he thought the items that were associated with past priority projects should get their requested funding as well as looking into the projects that are able to contribute partial funding to the project's completion.

MAYOR GOODMAN clarified with MR. VINCENT that there was \$33,750,000 in available funds and that the total amount needed to complete all projects in place was \$95,000,000. COUNCILMAN MACK thought it best to discuss each item and determine priority status. He spoke about the Centennial Hills Community Center. Wanting to keep the project moving forward, COUNCILMAN MACK considered bonding for the project or using LVCVA (Las Vegas Convention and Visitor Authority) funds, which would reduce the total amount taken from Capital Funds. He wanted to fully fund the facility.

MR. VINCENT noted that there was approximately \$10 million in LVCVA revenue which is designated for parks. He said GO (General Obligation) bonds could be issued to leverage money to make the debt payments. That could generate \$16 to \$20 million in bond proceeds which could be added to the \$33 million of available funds. In doing this, the City would have leveraged the remaining revenue, which comes to the City annually in LVCVA funds of \$4.5 million. Slightly over \$2 million of this money was leveraged last year on the Washington Buffalo project.

MAYOR GOODMAN asked COUNCILMAN MACK if he was requesting the entire \$24 million be allocated this year for the Centennial Hills project. The COUNCILMAN answered that the project is now at a phase where the funding is necessary. MAYOR GOODMAN pointed out that if that park was funded, there would not be any money left for Washington/Buffalo or Alexander/Hualapai Park. COUNCILMAN BROWN indicated there would be money left for those two projects. The Washington/Buffalo project is already preallocated. Phase I is additional funding relating to synthetic turf retro. Washington Buffalo Park Phase II will not happen this year and realistically, not next year either. The \$20 million on Phase II can go on the tier two list.

COUNCILMAN REESE asked COUNCILMEN BROWN AND MACK to discuss projects in Wards 4 and 6 with Council to advise the status and help to prioritize them.

COUNCILMAN MACK started with the Vo-Tech High School Sports Complex. He said Big League Dreams is having discussions with the City but there is a snag due to the rules of private

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ventures doing business on BLM land. The proposal of Big League Dreams includes retail, which is not allowed. The City is now looking into purchasing the property with an estimated cost of \$7 to \$20 million which makes the project unaffordable. COUNCILMAN MACK'S office has made a call to Big League Dreams to see if they are still interested. The need for the sports complex still exists; however, the only funding the Councilman is now requesting would be a small sum to go towards the design portion of the project but not fully funded it at this time.

COUNCILMAN REESE questioned COUNCILMAN MACK about El Campo Grande/Bradley Park and Fort Apache/Elkhorn Park and Centennial Hills Park. COUNCILMAN MACK offered to tell the Council where he thought funding would come from for projects in his Ward. On El Campo Grande/Bradley Park - \$1.5 million using RCT dollars. On Fort Apache/Elkhorn Park - \$1.6 million would also be RCT dollars. Iron Mountain/Fort Apache Park – working with Spring Mountain Ranch HOA to relocate their park. This park is located between two elementary schools - \$3 million of RCT dollars. It is a 10 acre park and the formula is \$300,000 per acre. Mountain Ridge – use the remaining 1 million towards this project which has an estimated expense of \$1,895,000. He also has some developer “in lieu of open space requirement money” that could go towards the remainder.

MR. VINCENT verified that COUNCILMAN MACK would not be asking for any money towards the Mountain Ridge Park and directed MS. FALDER to move out \$895,000. MR. VINCENT clarified the idea of COUNCILMAN BROWN'S to make three tiers for prioritizing the projects. Priority one would be projects to be completely funded. Second Priority would be projects that are partially funded but need additional money as available. Third priority would be projects that will not be funded but that will serve as placeholders. Based on this idea, El Campo Grande and Fort Apache parks would be priority ones. Iron Mountain would be a priority two. COUNCILMAN MACK asked JOHN McNELLIS, Deputy Director, Public Works, to come up and discuss the \$3 million allocated for Iron Mountain. He asked MR. McNELLIS if the \$5 million included the \$2 million to purchase the land. MR. McNELLIS confirmed that it did and there would be \$3 million of out of pocket expense.

COUNCILMAN MACK confirmed with MR. McNELLIS that if facilities are built according to discussions which included soccer fields, the costs would exceed \$300,000 per acre. He suggested trying to get RTC to come in and work on Fort Apache, which is a major street. He felt that to build the park as discussed; it would cost approximately \$5 million.

COUNCILMAN MACK asked if MR. McNELLIS thought he should take the \$1 million he was going to allocate to Mountain Ridge and give it to Spring Mountain Ranch Park. MR. McNELLIS suggested doing the design for this park this year and delaying the construction.

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MR. VINCENT added that it was submitted for design work only. He explained that RCT funds can be allocated towards a project but the monies cannot be spent until there is enough money to send the project out for contract. COUNCILMAN MACK asked for suggestions on the best way to handle funding this project. MR. VINCENT suggested allocating between \$500,000 and \$700,000 towards design. COUNCILMAN MACK confirmed he does not have to spend the RCT dollars now and that when it came time to use the funds, he could bring the item back before Council.

MR. VINCENT reminded everyone that the monies being discussed must be used in Ward 6 and cannot be transferred for any reason. He instructed MS. FALDER to allocate \$700,000 to Iron Mountain Fort Apache in Residential Construction Tax, which totals \$4.7 million of the approximately \$7 million that is available in Ward 6 at this time.

COUNCILMAN BROWN clarified with MR. VINCENT the restrictions on RCT Funds. The funds cannot be transferred. It must be used for work within the Ward it was collected in. The use of the project funds must be contributed to parks with neighborhood components. The monies have to be spent within a time frame of two years. If the money is not used within the two-year period, it is refunded to the developers. MR. VINCENT stressed it needs to be spent quickly but wisely.

COUNCILMAN BROWN suggested going down the list alphabetically to get through the list faster. He began with Alexander/Hualapai, which has been on the list for 3 or 4 years. COUNCILMAN BROWN feels the \$19 million is too high for a park generally specified for youth softball. He feels if the amenities around the basin are making the estimate so high, the project should be broken into two phases. He would like to use the \$300,000 per acre formula to reduce the estimate to \$15 million. It will be designated on the funds needed list as Alexander/Hualapai Phase I.

Centennial Hills Leisure Services Complex will be put in “other” because \$20 million would be raised by bonds towards the project.

COUNCILMAN BROWN asked COUNCILMAN WEEKLY about the Doolittle Projects being consolidated and approved. MR. VINCENT confirmed they were to be funded. MR. VINCENT suggested that COUNCILMAN WEEKLY use the \$500,000 in RCT funds towards the projects.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY brought up the park on Decatur called Fountain Park. In his opinion, the park is incomplete. He knows the park looks great from the outside, but additional work needs to be completed on the inside. He asked MR. VINCENT how the RCT funds might be

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used to fix up the area and the park itself. COUNCILMAN BROWN asked if the project was closed out in the budget process. MR. VINCENT said it was not. COUNCILMAN WEEKLY added that it is in the punch list stage. MR. VINCENT stated that the project could have up to \$800,000 available; however, the money does not show on the budget paperwork because it is not closed out yet. COUNCILMAN BROWN clarified that the additional work on Fountain Park COUNCILMAN WEEKLY wants done will come from the \$800,000. It will be referred to as Phase II although it is still actually part of Phase I. MR. VINCENT categorized the project as a priority two because there is some money available on that project. The estimate for Phase Two is unknown at this time so there is no way to determine how much more money is needed. COUNCILMAN BROWN confirmed COUNCILMAN WEEKLY wanted to keep it as a priority one and allocate the available RCT funds to it as a start.

COUNCILMAN MACK questioned COUNCILMAN WEEKLY'S concerns about the inferiority of the park. COUNCILMAN MACK confirmed it was not poor quality work by the contractors.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY said the City got what it paid for. He commented on the synthetic turf needing to be cooled down with a manual coupler not a sprinkler system. MR. McNELLIS said that was the first installation of synthetic turf and it was found to be too hot unless cooled down with water. That is why the manual coupler was installed. COUNCILMAN WEEKLY asked how the coupler would be turned on if there was no staff present. MR. McNELLIS said that was an operational function and it would have to be worked out.

MAYOR GOODMAN asked if Fireman's Park was done. COUNCILWOMAN MONCRIEF told him that the project is ongoing. Drought tolerant landscaping will be added. There will be some additional monies left over and she intends to use that money for Harmony Park. The money needed to finish Fireman's Park is not on the list because it is already fully funded.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY asked if the Washington/Buffalo project's synthetic turf would have sprinklers or couplers. MR. McNELLIS indicated that project is currently planned as turf at this time. As City staff's knowledge grows regarding the synthetic turf, that knowledge will be applied to all areas that use the synthetic turf. Should Phase II of Fountain Park proceed, the staff will use new knowledge wherever it is beneficial.

COUNCILMAN BROWN confirmed Fountain Park has \$250,000. COUNCILMAN WEEKLY has \$500,000 available so \$250,000 was allocated for Doolittle with the remainder going to Fountain Park.

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Regarding Harmony Park, COUNCILWOMAN MONCRIEF wanted to allocate the RCT amount of \$150,000 to the project. It is a small park, less than one acre, and that amount should be sufficient along with the leftover funding on Fireman's Park.

Lorenzi Park upgrades would be a priority one.

COUNCILMAN MACK stated that the Mountain Ridge Phase IV project has already been discussed. He asked MR. VINCENT if he thought more of his RCT money should be moved to fully fund the project. MS. FALDER reminded COUNCILMAN MACK that fully funding it would take \$1 million of RCT money and it is available. COUNCILMAN MACK instructed her to allocate those funds.

Tenaya Neighborhood Park was toured by members of Council. COUNCILMAN BROWN suggested that the project be put on the priority two list because the Tenaya Overpass that is planned for will have an affect on the area and the eastern area of the park will be impacted by the final stages of the Rainbow Curve work as well. MR. VINCENT informed him that there is already almost \$700,000 of RCT money designated to the project that carries over. That money will have to be reallocated if the job is put on hold. COUNCILMAN BROWN suggested that the project be kicked up to the priority one list but not move forward for a few months. COUNCILMAN BROWN confirmed with MR. McNELLIS that design work had not started on the project and that it would be an in-house design with Field Operations.

COUNCILMAN MACK asked that \$1.5 million be allocated for design of the Vo-Tech High School Sports Complex. MAYOR GOODMAN asked why the City is paying for it and not the school district. COUNCILMAN BROWN and COUNCILMAN MACK both informed him that the park belongs to the City. The City gave up the 30 acres the school is being built on and that the money is for the park but the name it is referenced under in the budget is Vo Tech High School. COUNCILMAN MACK asked that a note be attached to the amount of \$23,115 for the project and indicate the estimate could go up or down approximately \$15,000. It was agreed that the amount could be better confirmed once the design aspect of the project is completed.

Washington/Buffalo Park Phase I. COUNCILMAN BROWN said it was an item to be heard on the agenda of 4/21/2004. The soccer fields are ready to be built as turf. Now, staff is considering converting the planned turf into synthetic turf. There are 11 fields so this would be a good way to try out the synthetic turf. COUNCILMAN REESE brought to COUNCILMAN BROWN'S attention that also on the budget was a line item called Artificial Turf Installation Pilot Program. He asked if they were together. COUNCILMAN BROWN said he would like to keep them together and would explain why later. He was told during briefing that some activity on the west

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side of the valley included regional parks being built. In this instance, the park abuts Ward 2 and is very close to 1, 5, and 3 so it's centrally located. He considers the program not a Ward program but a City program. He did not want the ward designation to throw people off track.

COUNCILMAN MACK added that the request for \$3.8 million is the difference between turf versus artificial. He knows the turf is expensive on the front end with maintenance and overhead. He feels the more important factor is the revenue side. Once the fields are turned on, they do not have to be turned off. That is a big benefit. COUNCILMAN BROWN said the purpose is to have two or three contractors come in and build their best product and be able to compare the quality, etc.

MAYOR GOODMAN asked CITY MANAGER SELBY if credits would be given because of all of the synthetic turf being installed. MR. SELBY indicated credits are not issued if the replacement is made before the installation period. If a facility is retrofitted with synthetic, there are credits involved.

COUNCILMAN BROWN directed MR. VINCENT to put the Washington/Buffalo Park Phase I on the priority one list. As far as Phase II, he asked that it be put on the priority three list. There is a major overpass going in that will impact the area for the next year and the impact of that work is unknown. MR. VINCENT pointed out this time, with the allocations made; the budget is short \$2 million in unrestricted funding. There is still Ward specific RCT money and no allocation has been made to any non-parks project. COUNCILMAN BROWN acknowledged what he said and indicated they would continue and then work backwards.

Regarding the artificial turf pilot program and the sidewalk installation pilot program, COUNCILMAN BROWN said he felt very strong about having, on an annual basis for the next 5 to 10 years, identification of abused programmable space in the City regardless of ward. Identifying the turf fields that are getting the most play and worn down the quickest to determine eligibility for retrofit programs so synthetic turf can be installed and then the City can be eligible for the Water District's rebate program. The number is based on doing 3 fields on an annual basis. The number has not been solidified but he felt putting the amount at \$1 million is appropriate with the understanding that there are more programs to do. COUNCILMAN BROWN asked if there were any other projects Council wanted moved up to priority one funding. COUNCILMAN REESE wanted Freedom Park Master Plan at \$750,000 and the Chuck Minker Projects.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY questioned COUNCILMAN BROWN about when the tennis facility will be completed. COUNCILMAN BROWN said there are some structures going in now and

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the project should finish in March of 2005. COUNCILMAN WEEKLY asked about Lorenzi Park Tennis Complex being moved to priority two because there are several tennis competitions there. He stated it is in bad shape and in need of attention.

COUNCILMAN MACK discussed the equestrian park. He acknowledged the estimate is much higher than he anticipated. There will be a trail system, round pens and moveable space. Work is being done at this time with a consultant regarding the northwest master plan. He would like to see the project moved up to a priority two. He is looking for some BLM funding on this project. The Councilman also thought there is some private developer money in escrow that can go towards this as well. He does not need money allocated; he wanted to move the priority up.

On the sidewalk installation pilot program, COUNCILMAN BROWN suggested a priority one funding level.

MAYOR GOODMAN asked about the status of Federal funding on the post office. DEPUTY CITY MANAGER BETSY FRETWELL informed MAYOR GOODMAN that there is approximately \$600,000 in support. Last year an EDI grant was received for approximately \$385,000. The fundraising is continuing this year with the Save America's Treasures. The entire funding for the post office will not be raised through fundraisers. The City will have to pursue flexible funding to offset some of the cost. A post office report will be available in approximately 2 to 3 weeks.

COUNCILWOMAN MONCRIEF asked for clarification if it would be 4 to 5 years before any new jobs could be started. MR. VINCENT indicated she was correct however; additional phasing in of projects could be handled as funding was available.

MAYOR GOODMAN said a major project that is developed in the meantime could be brought before Council in a budget cycle and allowed argument of how it should be prioritized.

COUNCILWOMAN MONCRIEF asked that a small amount, suggested by staff, be earmarked for the Stupak Community Center because it is in a debilitated state. It is utilized more than any facility in her Ward. It is the only request she has for her Ward. COUNCILWOMAN MONCRIEF acknowledged that the Mayor believes the Stratosphere may be involved but she would like the money set aside to start planning and design on the project. MR. VINCENT suggested 10% be put aside which would be approximately \$700,000.

COUNCILMAN BROWN went back to the Parks and Recreation list by discussing the Gilmore/Cliff Shadows Trailhead and Park. COUNCILMAN BROWN did not feel this

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funding is needed. The funding mechanism is already in place or secured. He felt it could move to the priority two list. Between Flood Control, RCT, BLM and SNIPLMA and developer “in lieu of open space requirement dollars, the project would to be covered. MS. FALDER verified with COUNCILMAN BROWN that the project would not move forward until the developer revenue is secured. MR. McNELLIS concurred with COUNCILMAN BROWN and added that design money needed to stay on the books so the project could continue to move forward. The flood district money was going to build the box culvert but it would not fund design. MR. VINCENT stated there was \$1.8 million and more than half is from BLM so there would be more than enough money to fund the continuance of design on this project. It will be designated as priority two because it is partially funded.

MAYOR GOODMAN said the million dollar culinary remodeling and equipment is not even debatable. It was moved to the top of the list. MR. VINCENT reminded Council that it is partially funded with \$1 million and the request is for an additional \$1 million to complete it. The equipment alone is \$900,000. He was not aware if the project could be constructed in phases. MIKE SHELDON, Director, Detention and Enforcement, stated the kitchen was built in 1991, and it is desperately needed. The interior was designed around the equipment. The population must be fed and with 5,000 meals a day, catastrophic failure is looming. MAYOR GOODMAN confirmed that during construction, other jurisdictions will be solicited for assistance in meal preparation. He also confirmed that the 5,000 meals are only for City purposes and that the County only cooks for themselves. Also, the Federal Government is charged for each meal when we house a federal offender. MR. SHELDON explained the Federal Government is billed a per diem rate which covers meals, uniforms, medical, etc... The daily rate is \$65 now and the City is currently in an application stage to raise it to \$72. The Mayor confirmed with MR. SHELDON the City is making money on this process.

MAYOR GOODMAN thought the Emergency Vehicle Preemption System was a priority one as well. MR. SELBY indicated the request came from the Traffic Division of Public Works. The problem is that there are currently systems for sale on the Internet that allow individuals to trip the light systems. The preemption system will encode the system and stop individuals from doing so. MAYOR GOODMAN put the project in priority one.

COUNCILMAN MACK indicated there is a large demand for the Internal Affairs modular and asked that a representative from staff explain the necessity. MR. SHELDON explained the modular would be for the Investigative Division. Currently the investigators share space with the Administration Division. There is only one interrogation office and the workspace is just not working. The modular would be constructed between the Administration building and the NDOT fence. COUNCILMAN MACK asked if the old jail facility would work, and was told it

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is gutted and has an anticipated use for other projects. MR. SHELDON felt it would be more expensive to renovate the jail than to build a modular. COUNCILMAN REESE stated he did not want a modular at that location. MR. SHELDON assured him it would be out of sight. MAYOR GOODMAN asked if the jail was being considered as a museum. MR. SELBY explained it is currently being designated for storage. There was a road block in the museum concept which he did not elaborate on.

COUNCILMAN BROWN indicated the only existing project left that had not been discussed was the electrical bonding/grounding. MR. VINCENT explained there is \$50,000 in carry-over funding for this project but there is an additional \$155,000 required to complete the project. The original request would have had the project completed by 2005/2006 but staff recommended funding the whole thing to get it completed. MAYOR GOODMAN confirmed this was a preventative measure so people would not get electrocuted and moved it up as a top priority.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY brought up the parking issue at Dula Gym. He knows the Mayor has received many calls over it and asked Public Works what was being done to mitigate the issue. The Fire Department and the seniors are fighting for parking and seniors are being ticketed for parking in areas they shouldn't be in because firemen are parking there. He said that the seniors have been promised for some time that this issue would be taken care of.

MAYOR GOODMAN confirmed with MR. SELBY that the designated area is on the east side where there is an existing grassy area. COUNCILMAN BROWN suggested there might be a credit from the Water Authority if the design is correct. COUNCILMAN BROWN said he was told as long as the existing trees and canopy remain with any additional trees, which add to the canopy, hardscape can be included in the rebate program.

DR. BARBARA JACKSON, Director, Leisure Services, confirmed it is a continuing problem. Not only are the seniors fighting for parking but the users of the Dula Gym and the pool. The MAYOR confirmed with DR. JACKSON that the expansion would add approximately 50 parking spaces. COUNCILMAN WEEKLY suggested making this a priority one project.

COUNCILMAN REESE suggested also making the St. Louis Avenue Beautification project a priority one as well.

COUNCILMAN MACK asked CHIEF WASHINGTON, Fire and Rescue Department, to come forward to discuss the Fire and Rescue Regional Training item which is an actual facility that the driver's course would be a component of. COUNCILMAN MACK was told during briefing that the City spends approximately \$300,000 per year on training expenses. He suggested at least

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allocating some design money because the need is so great. CHIEF WASHINGTON thanked Council for letting him speak on the item. He agreed with COUNCILMAN MACK that if it could not be funded entirely, then putting money aside for design would be a beneficial start and much appreciated. He said it is important to obtain this size of property now, 55 acres, before the growth of the City makes it impossible to procure this size of land. He explained the entire project would likely be 5 phases with this portion as Phase I. There would be a communications center, emergency operations center and several other projects at that location. COUNCILMAN MACK asked MR. McNELLIS for his opinion on how much design money should be set aside, and it was agreed that 10% or \$300,000 would be sufficient.

The allocations discussed totaled \$8.8 million more than available. COUNCILMAN BROWN asked on restricted funding what was available in RCT or CDBG monies. MR. VINCENT showed on the overhead the amounts still available. COUNCILMAN BROWN suggested taking the Ward 4 RCT money and putting it wherever it can be used. He asked if there were neighborhood park elements in the Alexander/Hualapai project. MS. FALDER reminded him that Sky Ridge was still on the list and that would also qualify for RCT usage. COUNCILMAN BROWN stressed that it is not good to leave RCT monies unspent.

MR. VINCENT responded to COUNCILMAN BROWN'S question saying there was \$2 million carry-over and \$0.5 million was RCT money. There is a children's play area, picnic areas and shade shelters. There is a neighborhood element but he doesn't know how much could be allocated. He would not be uncomfortable allocating the remaining RCT monies to Alexander/Hualapai because of the neighborhood component.

COUNCILMAN BROWN asked if the Sky Ridge Park Security Lighting estimate was based on internal work or contracting it out. MR. VINCENT did not know if it was based on a bid or not. COUNCILMAN BROWN informed Council that the developer built a park that was turned over to the City and now that it is the City's responsibility, the neighbors are asking for additional lighting. He felt the City missed an opportunity to have the situation remedied before the Developer turned over the park. MR. McNELLIS said there has not been much design work on the project and the amount listed was an estimate to begin with. COUNCILMAN BROWN advised MR. VINCENT to leave Sky Ridge as a priority two and allocated approximately \$600,000 to Alexander/Hualapai wherever it may be applicable.

MAYOR GOODMAN asked MR. VINCENT if there were any CDBG funds available for any projects. MS. FALDER could not address how much is available but could get with Neighborhood Services and find out. It would only be a few hundred thousand dollars at most and it would be restricted in usage. The parking lot at the Senior Center would probably qualify.

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COUNCILMAN REESE asked if the marquee sign at East Las Vegas Community Center would qualify and she said she would have to get with Neighborhood Services to verify. COUNCILMAN REESE asked that the marquee be placed on the priority two list.

COUNCILMAN BROWN asked what the annual CDBG money allocation is. MR. VINCENT said some of the money was allocated to debt service for the East Las Vegas Community Center. He said they were requested to commit additional money to East Las Vegas Business Incubator. He estimates there is less than \$4 million that is allocated. He said the money allocated for the next Fiscal Year has already been voted on. The cycle is way ahead of itself. The timing of the federal process for CDBG is not the same time frame as the City's fiscal budget period. It causes the City to be a year out because of the timing.

MAYOR GOODMAN asked if funds could be advanced looking for reimbursement down the road. For instance, should the parking lot project be approved, and CDBG funds are applicable, can the monies be advanced from Capitol Improvements and then be reimbursed by CDBG funds. MR. VINCENT said that had not been done before nor would he recommend it. He feels small projects such as the parking lot expansion are estimated at only \$100,000 or \$200,000 and MR. VINCENT feels staff could come up with ways to fund those small projects. MAYOR GOODMAN said he would like to see the parking lot expansion at Dula Gym happen this year since it has been 4 years in the making.

MS. FALDER informed Council that CDBG funding could be used for the Las Vegas Senior Center Parking lot.

COUNCILMAN MACK asked if part of the \$1.5 million allocated to the Vo Tech project could be considered to have a neighborhood component. MR. VINCENT said he would be comfortable allocating funds to it because it will support a lot more than six or eight ball fields. COUNCILMAN MACK said to take the \$1.5 million out of unrestricted and to check the balance on RCT and put the remaining balance to the Vo Tech Park.

MR. VINCENT said the budget was short \$6.5 million. COUNCILMAN BROWN asked MR. VINCENT to look into the budget item for Services and Supplies. He questioned hypothetically, if the amount asked for is reduced, would it cause more money in the budget. MR. VINCENT confirmed it would. MR. VINCENT reiterated that when the budget is put together, the departments do not get an increase over the previous year's budget. There is no COLA etc... They did this for revenue issues and because it was believed that there was room to absorb growth within the existing budget. By doing this, any extra padding in the budget could be absorbed. Currently, he does not feel there is any room for additional reductions from Services

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and Supplies. Although it could be done on a one-time basis but it could not be done across the board to free up enough revenue to pay for debt services.

COUNCILMAN BROWN acknowledged that some departments ask for less than what the previous ending balance. Other departments are asking more than 2 digit percent increases in supplies. He feels this is an area where the additional \$5 to \$6 million could be found. MR. VINCENT justified the increases by saying the departments had to back up their requests for increases. COUNCILMAN BROWN asked to see that at some time in the near future. He also wants to look at position requests if money cannot be cut back on service and supplies. If it is more important to have a culinary renovation or park projects worked on than cutting back, then a position is a fair trade off.

MR. VINCENT said that only \$3.2 million has been added for new positions and the majority of them were in public safety. The Marshal positions, Field Operations positions and program positions are generated as a result of the City building new facilities. MR. VINCENT did not feel it is possible to continue to build new facilities without staffing them with new positions. This year Field Operations has 200 new acres of land to maintain. He acknowledged that the artificial turf will help cut down on maintenance in one regard but the turf is not entirely maintenance free. MR. VINCENT does not see how the money can be found in supplies and services and does not suggest eliminating the much needed positions.

COUNCILMAN BROWN stated that 6 to 7 years ago there were very few parks being built outside of Summerlin so this is a new situation. He cautioned that when the park priorities lose ground, the City will have to play catch up and that's not feasible. In the last 7 years, \$300 to \$500 million in new programs have gone forward because of creativity and the commitment for bonding. This list has the last major project that will go in for the next few years which is Centennial Hills Community Center and Park which is needed as there are no parks, only thousands of homes. The Alexander/Hualapai project has been on hold for 3 years waiting for the Flood Control District to contribute as well as the RTC doing the SID. The reason the projects are being seen is because there is just nothing there now, just homes.

COUNCILMAN BROWN suggested staff be directed to reinvestigate ways to identify the \$6.5 million needed. MAYOR GOODMAN concurred. He directed staff to come as close as possible to the shortage number.

MR. VINCENT said that would give the City another month of accumulated revenue and would give staff time to look at places to tighten the budget. He said he would be back with results on

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May 5th at Council. The Budget Hearing was scheduled for May 18, 2004, and it must be filed with the State on June 1, 2004.

COUNCILMAN BROWN also directed staff to investigate possibilities existing with leveraging the CDBG dollars as has been done with the Convention Authority Dollars in the past. He noted continued creativity is necessary to meet all projects and obligations.

MR. VINCENT said a motion was not necessary. He would give copies of the list made during the meeting to Council members and staff.

COUNCILMAN BROWN asked what could be done with redevelopment dollars. He asked if RDA dollars could be used on some of the downtown redevelopment programs. MR. VINCENT said that could be looked at as a possibility.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY asked DEPUTY CITY MANAGER FRETWELL if the Natural History Museum retrofit could use a grant or find another method to secure funding. He added that he is glad it did not come down to a vote because he was not going to vote against any of his projects. DEPUTY CITY MANAGER FRETWELL said the project is complicated because it involves a new wing and a retrofit of the existing building that the City owns but is leased by the museum. SNPLMA money was pursued but museums do not qualify, so this caused a lot of confusion and that option was deleted. She is not sure about having federal money available. If it did happen, it would be \$300,000 to \$500,000 at most. COUNCILMAN WEEKLY said he is aware there is a fundraiser going on for the museum and it would be nice for the City to bring money to that. He instructed MS. FALDER to make the item a priority three. He also wanted to make the Reed Whipple Cultural Center Marquee a priority two because it is such a low number. He asked that the post office building renovation be designated as a priority two.

COUNCILMAN MACK echoed the sentiments of COUNCILMAN BROWN relating to budgeting. This is the fourth or fifth process COUNCILMAN MACK has completed. He feels the Council is fair in distributing funds throughout the community however, Ward 6 doesn't have a community center. The Senior Center is in an abandoned Fire Station. Some Wards have two or three facilities of each type. The demand is there for these facilities and he will fight hard to get them.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY agreed that all members must do what they have to do on behalf of their Wards. He acknowledged that COUNCILMAN MACK'S Ward does not have community services but mature areas cannot be ignored. The buildings are falling apart and money is needed.

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COUNCILMAN MACK said he appreciates those comments but he voted to fund Doolittle the previous year and took back a place marker for Centennial Park. Fountain was funded last year. He feels the members support each other's Wards. He feels the Ward 6 Community Center will not service only Ward 6 residents; it will serve as a feeder.

MAYOR GOODMAN pointed out that he looks to the interest of the entire City and said the best effort will be made to secure the \$6.5 million needed. He acknowledged that every Council member does their best to protect their wards but the main goal is to do what is best for the City as a whole.

COUNCILMAN BROWN suggested that in deference to COUNCILWOMAN BOGGS McDONALD, the Council could put the Johnson Community School and Pavilion Center Pool Lighting on the priority two list to assure not getting lost.

MAYOR GOODMAN finished by making sure every project had been given a priority. COUNCILWOMAN MONCRIEF placed Garside Pool and Bathhouse as a priority two. COUNCILMAN MACK placed Centennial Hills Park as a priority three. The Arts District Street Lighting was upgraded as a priority three. Bonneville Clark one-way couplet landscaping was placed as a priority three. Fremont Street landscaping was placed as a priority two contingent upon whether the 601 E. Fremont building will be developed.

COUNCILWOMAN MONCRIEF asked that the Stupak Community Center be moved to a priority one, as her only request. MR. VINCENT clarified that priority one is identified as projects that are completely funded and priority two as partially funded projects so, the Stupak Center would be okay as a priority two with the design funded this year and hopefully next year, the construction. MAYOR GOODMAN said he would coordinate a meeting with the Stratosphere people and hopefully it could be a public/private partnership, which will benefit the entire area.

MAYOR GOODMAN commended staff on all of their hard work saying there is more to do.

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DEPARTMENT: FINANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES

DIRECTOR: MARK R. VINCENT

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DISCUSSION

SUBJECT:

Discussion and review of the Fiscal Year 2005 City of Las Vegas Redevelopment Agency Tentative Budget

Fiscal Impact

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No Impact

Amount:

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Budget Funds Available

Dept./Division: Budget & Finance Division

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Augmentation Required

Funding Source:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

Review and discussion of the FY2005 City of Las Vegas Redevelopment Agency Tentative Budget as filed with the Nevada Department of Taxation on April 15, 2004

RECOMMENDATION:

No Action Required

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. FY2005 City of Las Vegas Redevelopment Agency Tentative Budget
2. Submitted at Special City Council meeting – PowerPoint Presentation for Item 2 and Item 3 filed under Item 2
3. Submitted at Special City Council meeting – Review of Capital Project Priorities and Criteria for Item 2 and Item 3 filed under Item 2
4. Submitted at Special City Council meeting – City of Las Vegas Budget Policies for Item 2 and Item 3 filed under Item 2
5. Submitted at Special City Council meeting – Capital Project Funding Allocation Worksheet for Item 2 and Item 3 filed under Item 2

MOTION:

None required.

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All discussion for Item 3 was held under Item 2.

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MINUTES:

None

ADJOURNED: 4:57 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:_____

STACEY CAMPBELL

January 24, 2005

DIRECTIVES AND NOTES - SPECIAL COUNCIL 4/20/2004

MAYOR GOODMAN directed the City Manager's Department to draft legislation language regarding binding arbitration or mediation involving the Collective Bargaining Units.

MAYOR GOODMAN suggested that the City Manager should look into staffing the Office of Business Development with personnel qualified to work with the City Attorney's office and parties interested in developing the downtown area. CITY MANAGER SELBY informed him that work was already being done in that direction.

Council directed staff to design a sidewalk replacement program. In addition to past discussions, the concept has been of interest at the State Legislature. The proposal is that the City would fund \$500,000 annually for sidewalk replacement, primarily in more mature neighborhoods. COUNCILMAN REESE directed LARRY HAUGSNESS, Director of Field Operations, to calculate whether the \$500,000 would be insufficient or excessive for the needs of the City.

MAYOR GOODMAN suggested that the Stratosphere representatives be included in discussions regarding the Stupak Community Center to determine the level of involvement the Stratosphere would have in the project with regard to the possibility of an additional tower and construction of a buffer zone.

COUNCILMAN BROWN suggested making a two level list by taking the project list and addressing the priority projects that will be funded in the upcoming cycle and then any existing projects that are not funded or new projects unless they are moved up into the top priority list. He then suggested breaking the secondary list into two tiers for funding priorities. The second tier would serve as a placeholder as they will most likely not be funded but will stay in front of the council until funding becomes available. COUNCILMAN REESE suggested small projects such as the Doolittle horseshoe pit and basketball court refurbishment could be funded right away.

COUNCILMAN BROWN suggested staff be directed to reinvestigate ways to identify the \$6.5 million needed. MAYOR GOODMAN concurred. He directed staff to come as close as possible to the shortage number.

COUNCILMAN BROWN also directed staff to investigate possibilities existing with leveraging the CDBG dollars as has been done with the Convention Authority Dollars in the past. He noted continued creativity is necessary to meet all projects and obligations.